Table 19 B. Meeting Basic Needs by Economic Characteristics: Households with No Disconnected Utility Service, No Disconnected Phone Service, No Unmet Need for Doctor, and No Unmet Need for Dentist: 1998

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics		No	No	No unmet	No unmet
		disconnected	disconnected	need for	need for
	Total	utility	phone	doctor	dentist
	Households	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All households					
Total	102,652	98.7	96.2	93.9	92.1
Household income quintile	ŕ				
Lowest quintile	20,520	97.6	92.9	88.8	88.2
2nd quintile	20,527	98.1	94.4	91.7	89.0
3rd quintile	20,538	98.7	96.5	94.1	91.4
4th quintile	20,530	99.2	98.0	96.4	94.6
Highest quintile	20,533	99.8	99.0	98.3	97.3
Household poverty					
Income below poverty	12,648	96.3	89.9	85.9	85.7
Income above poverty	90,003	99.0	97.0	95.0	93.0
Education of householder	·				
Not high school graduate	17,744	98.2	94.0	90.5	89.9
High school graduate	31,111	98.5	95.5	93.7	91.6
Some college	29,009	98.5	96.1	93.4	90.9
Bachelors or higher	24,788	99.5	98.6	97.1	95.6
Occupation of householder					
Executive	10,912	99.3	98.5	96.2	94.8
Professional	11,394	99.4	98.0	95.9	94.2
Technical	2,321	99.2	96.4	95.6	94.8
Sales	7,956	98.9	96.5	94.7	91.6
Administrative support	9,301	98.4	95.6	94.1	90.8
Service	8,352	97.6	93.2	90.4	86.2
Farm	1,899	98.4	95.2	90.4	90.6
Craft	8,663	98.6	95.8	94.4	92.4
Labor	10,261	98.0	94.0	92.6	89.8
Region					
Northeast	19,808	99.0	96.8	95.6	93.3
Midwest	25,144	98.5	96.5	94.2	93.1
South	36,086	98.7	95.4	93.0	91.4
West	21,614	98.5	96.4	93.4	91.0
Metropolitan status					
Central City	13,104	97.5	92.8	90.8	88.3
Metropolitan, outside central city	72,974	98.8	96.6	94.5	92.7
Non-metropolitan	16,573	99.0	96.7	93.6	92.5

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